

A MEMORIAL FROM TOBACCO FARMERS.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress Assembled:

The only agricultural product of this country still suffering from war taxes is tobacco. In many States it is the money-crop of the farmer which enables him to pay good wages to his laborers. Heretofore he could sell to foreigners seeking his prized product, but the home markets having been paralyzed and stagnated by the continual agitation of the question of the abolishment of the tax, the foreigners seeing this stagnation at home, have either abstained from buying altogether, or done so only as their necessities called for and without competition. The loss to the farmer is enormous, that of the dealer untold and the manufacturer has not made the interest on the assessed value of his plant, except in a very few instances. Realizing this state of things, we, the undersigned growers of tobacco in North Carolina do most earnestly petition your body to abolish at once the internal revenue taxes on tobacco.

The above memorial should be copied at once by every Alliance in the tobacco section of North Carolina and get every tobacco farmer to sign it and forward it before the 10th of January next to H. E. Harman, Danville, Va.

This tax is wrong, it is unjust, it is discriminating and it is oppressive and the farmers of this country should show the American Congress that they are freemen. They have endured and suffered this great wrong long enough. Let them speak and speak all at once, and their voice will be heeded.

ALLIANCE NOTES.

[Members of the Alliance, when writing to us, will greatly favor us if they will always give the No. of their Alliance. We have given the sixth and seventh pages of our paper to the exclusive use of the Alliance. Use them, brethren. For all official orders, rulings, notices, &c., the brethren will examine these pages.]

—1,410 Alliances in North Carolina.

—Allen Alliance, McDowell county organized in August with 15 members and now numbers 53 and is growing rapidly.

—County Line Alliance, No. 759, of Caswell county, resolved last week, that "we will not buy or use any guano made in the State, or anywhere else, unless put up in cotton sacks."

—Mr. Hill E. King, of Onslow county, will be a candidate for Door Keeper of the next House of Representatives. He is familiar with the duties of the office and is a worthy brother in all respects.

—President Hamer, of No. 760, writes to remark that he cannot get along well without THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, but that he has had to do so for the three last issues. The fault is not in this office. See your postmaster, brother.

—The Alliance Cotton Agency of Iredell is working admirably, and no doubt it will open the eyes of their brethren across the line when they see how much better prices the Alliance Agent will cause them to get for their cotton.

—We regret to announce the death of Mrs. D. W. Kerr, of Alamance county, which occurred on the 8th inst. She was the relict of Bro. D. W. Kerr, and the mother of our brethren J. P. and C. J. Kerr, and in her death the community sustains a serious loss.

—Sub-Secretaries of Wake county will remember that the regular quarterly meeting of the Wake County Secretaries' Association will meet at the court house in this city on Friday, the 28th inst. Let every Secretary in the county be present. W. B. Smith, President.

—Church Hill Alliance No. 480, on Nov. 17th, passed the following: "Resolved, that we fully endorse the demands of our State Alliance as to legislation in regard to convict labor, free passes on our railroads, enlarged jurisdiction of magistrates, and a railroad commission."

—Deputy Organizer A. F. Morgan, having about finished up his work in Rutherford county, went, on the 10th inst., to Polk county, where he has appointments up to and including Friday, the 21st inst. After finishing Polk county he will probably go to an entirely new field in Henderson county.

—At the last meeting of Juvenile Alliance, No. 1080, Rocky Mount, N. C., after the transaction of the usual routine business, the question was propounded, "Does it pay to raise wheat in this section of the country?" After a full and free discussion, from almost every point of view, it was finally decided in the affirmative, by a large majority.

—Double Creek Alliance, No. 785, in meeting assembled to manifest their sympathy for the cotton farmer, and to assist in every way possible to break down monopoly, and particularly, the cotton bagging trust, passed, unanimously, the following resolution: "Resolved, That we, as tobacco farmers, will not use one pound of guano put up in jute bags."

—Deputy Organizer, P. H. Massey, of Durham county, reports having organized five Alliances during the month of November, as follows: At Band-box School House, Friday, Nov. 23d; at Round Hill, Nov. 24th; at South Lebanon, Wednesday, 28th; at Mt. Silven, Nov. 29th; and at South Lowell, Friday the 30th, with a total membership of seventy.

—Blanks for quarterly reports of County Secretaries are mailed this week. The blanks for Sub-Secretaries were mailed over two weeks ago. Let all Secretaries of Subordinate and County Alliances send in their reports promptly, and thus systematize and expedite the work. Let us all learn to be prompt, brethren. It makes our business run much more smoothly and easily.

—Secretary A. E. Sanders, Onvil Alliance, No. 298, writes to say that his Alliance now numbers thirty-eight members, and adds: "While we have not been dead, we were getting very weak, until nine of us subscribed for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. We have been improving and gaining strength very fast ever since its visits commenced. It is good medicine for a weak Alliance."

—Oakville Alliance, Warren county, is in fine condition. The President makes a most valuable and sensible suggestion when he says: "We publish too much of our plans. It gives all other lines of business, especially those affected by our plans, the advantage of knowing everything about us and they will meet and thwart us. Let us take the suggestions of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER in its last issue and shut down on the publication of our business plans."

—J. A. Heilig, Deputy Organizer of Rowan county, has organized Alliances in that county as follows: One at the Peeler School House, on Thursday, 29th, with 22 members; one at the Hatter Shop, in Providence township, on the night of the 30th, also with 22 members; another at Rowan Academy, in same township, with 16 members; and at Mulberry School House, within three miles of Salisbury, an Alliance with 15 members. The total number of members in the five lodges is ninety-seven.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

—There are ninety-five orphans in the Baptist Asylum at Thomasville.

—The second regiment of the State Guard will be in attendance on the occasion of Gov. Fowle's inauguration.

—The N. C. Conference acquitted Dr. J. B. Bobbitt on the charges preferred on account of the sale of the *Methodist Advocate*.

—John C. Hunt, at Lexington, N. C., and John M. Thomas, at Monroe, N. C., have been appointed by the President to be postmasters.

—The census of 1890, preparations for which are already being made, promises to show in the United States a population of more than 70,000,000.

—The *Murphy Bulletin* is glad to know that the M. & N. Georgia Railroad will build the Ducktown Branch, which was proposed several years ago.

—I. T. Bishop, of Duplin county, on Sunday the 9th inst., shot and killed a large bald eagle, which measured six feet and five inches, from tip to tip.

—The House of Representatives of the S. C. Legislature has passed a bill imposing a tax of 25 cents a ton on all cotton seed meal brought into the State.

—The *Charlotte News*, a new evening daily, just started by Mr. Wade H. Harris, late of the *Charlotte Chronicle*, is upon our table. It is neat and newsy, and filled with good editorials and choice selections, and we place it upon our exchange list with pleasure.

—Col. Jas. D. Glenn, of Greensboro, is prominently mentioned as the successor of Adjutant-General Johnston Jones, whose term of office will soon expire.

—The 108th term of Wake Forest College will begin Tuesday, January 15th, 1889. For further information, address Rev. Chas. E. Taylor, President, Wake Forest, N. C.

—A long and lofty bridge is to be built on the C. F. & Y. V. Railway, across the Cape Fear river, at Birmingham, near Fayetteville, N. C., which will cost \$100,000.

—Judge Gilmer has appointed Maj. Hamilton, of Hillsboro, Clerk of the Superior Court, of Orange county, in place of Dr. Pride Jones, who resigned on account of his bad health.

—Some newspapers seem to be troubled about President Cleveland's future. That gentleman is solid. He has his board-bill paid till spring and he will draw nearly \$5,000 a month until that time.

—Judge W. J. Montgomery, of 8th Judicial district, resigned on the 7th inst., and Colonel R. F. Armfield, of Statesville, was immediately appointed by Governor Scales to fill the vacancy.

—We are glad to learn that Rev. Dr. Mangum, who had a stroke of paralysis at New Berne, during the recent session of the Methodist Conference, has recovered sufficiently to be able to sit up.

—The Supreme Court has decided, in a case from Reidsville, that a municipal corporation has power to tax a railroad company running its line through the corporate limits and doing business therein.

—The *Philadelphia Record* ruminates this wise: "There's something radically wrong with the electoral system which defeats a Presidential candidate in a year when he had a larger majority than when he was elected."

—A new subscriber for 1889 from each of our readers, accompanied by one dollar, would be a nice little new year's gift for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. By the way, our paper is climbing up. Send along the names, good friends.

—Our genial and always pleasant friend, Mr. W. R. French, of Wilmington was in our city last week looking after our manufacturing enterprises and writing them up for that progressive journal the *Wilmington Messenger*.

—Old Santa Clause has been to Norris & Carter's and given orders for them to sell his friends goods at Christmas prices, and they are marking them down and preparing for the rush of holiday trade which they will surely have.

—On the 12th inst., the South Carolina Legislature re-elected Hon. M. C. Butler to the United States Senate, by an almost unanimous vote, the exceptions being three votes cast by colored members of the House, for Thos. E. Miller.

—We are indebted to Mr. O. P. Lineberry for an invitation to be present at the Exercises of the Hermesian Literary Society of Franklinsville Academy, to take place on the 20th inst. The exercises will consist of orations, recitations, essays, &c.

—The *Boston Herald* is authority for the statement that Civil Service Commissioner Lyman reports that the women of Virginia average about 15 per cent higher in his examination than those of any other State in the Union. They are far in advance of Massachusetts women.

—A brother sends the cash with the names of three new subscribers and is kind enough to say: "THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER gets better every week. There are plenty of articles in the last issue worth the cost of it for twelve months. I expect to continue to work for the paper."

—This notice stands at the head of the local department of the *Henderson Gold Leaf*: "This paper is published 'for revenue only.' Gold not glory is what we are working for. We say this for the benefit of those who think a newspaper is published simply for the fun of the thing."

—A Jones county correspondent writing to the *New Berne Journal* says: Our weather and crop prophets are again prognosticating that short crops and bad seasons will end after 1889, then will come seven years of bounteous yields which will make the farmers' old barns creak and groan.

—Mr. Duncan McDonald, a young man who resides near Hamlet, whilst returning home from Rockingham on Sunday evening, the 9th inst., was met about dark, some half a mile out of town, near Falling creek, on the Laurel Hill road by a white man and a mulatto and robbed of \$190.

—"Be sure to keep us posted as to the work of our next Legislature, when it meets." Certainly we will, good friend, and if the farmers of the State would know what measures are introduced in which they have an interest, and how the members vote on them they should read THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

—The contract has been given out to a Mr. Miller to complete the A. & P. Railroad from Mackey's Ferry through Pantego and to a terminus at a point near the mouth of Pantego creek on Pungo river. The road is already surveyed and graded within 12 miles of Pantego. The road is to be fully completed by the 1st October, 1889.

—By a decree of the U. S. District Court, the \$25,000 found upon the persons of Cross and White, when arrested in Canada, was disposed of as follows, the several banks having identified their funds: To the Norfolk National Bank, \$10,000; to the State Bank of Virginia, \$10,000; to the National Bank of Raleigh, \$5,000.

—It is with sincere pleasure that we note the healthful prosperity and steady advance of that grand old institution—the Salem Female Academy. It is being crowded with girls from all sections and recently a new Annex Hall 70x90 feet has been added for the increasing numbers. May it go on "prospering and to prosper."

—Maj. Hussey of the *Greensboro Patriot* graced our sanctum with his presence on the 11th inst. The *Patriot* under his former charge was a staunch and progressive paper, largely devoted to the industrial progress and development of the State, and he says it shall continue on that line. May he and his splendid paper "live long and prosper."

—A farmer friend stepped into our office and placing the following on our table, walked out with a quizzical smile on his face: A conundrum. "Which is the cheapest, A. D. Royster's taffy at 50 cents per pound or a politician's taffy at \$5,000 a year?" We give it up. But we know that the voters love the one about as well as the children love the other.

—The Southern Inter-State Immigration Convention met in the City Hall in Montgomery, Ala., on the 12th inst. with about 200 delegates, representing all the Southern States, New Mexico and California. A permanent organization was effected by the election of W. H. Peebles, of Mississippi, as President, and A. Strassburger, of Montgomery, and a Mr. Elliott, of Florida, as Secretaries.

—The reports made at the recent session of the Methodist Conference, held at New Berne, show that the total number now belonging to the Conference is 89,152—a gain of 2,606 over last year. Sunday school teachers and scholars 58,710—a gain of 8,366 over the last year. Collections for foreign missions \$13,125.61—a gain of \$1,900.18 over last year; domestic missions \$7,167.78—a gain of \$1,927.39.

—Rumors are floating around in commercial circles that an advance will be made in the prices of guano the next season, and there are intimations of a guano trust to enforce these prices. Better go slow enough along that road to read the epitaph placed by the farmers of the South on the tombstone of the bagging trust. But THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is ready for the fight and it will make it hot.

—Here is the estimate of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER as an advertising medium, which is given voluntarily by two of the largest houses in this city. One said: My advertisement in your paper has brought me more business than any advertisement I ever had." The other said: "It is in our judgment the best advertising medium in the State." Business men will note this and govern themselves accordingly.

—An exposition is in contemplation by the enterprising people of Charlotte. It is proposed to be held next fall, and is to be called the "Exposition of the Carolinas," as it is intended to be an exhibition of the products and industries of both North and South Carolina. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER endorses the movement most heartily, and pledges itself to do everything in its power to aid in the undertaking.

—The *Mirror* weeps bitterly over the removal of the Rev. Mr. Cordon from the town of Wilson to the Edenton St. Methodist church of this city. While his loss is our gain, we do not withhold from him our sympathy. The last *Mirror* has this reference: "The pure and sweet and lovely and very attractive Mary, the bright and witty and sparkling Laura—the charming and brilliant and radiant daughters of Mr. Cordon—will indeed be sadly missed when they are gone, and many hearts will be forlorn. Rarest gems indeed are they, and they doth shine with purest ray."

—We hope that the letter recently written to the *Philadelphia Record* by Mr. R. M. Wilson, Agent Immigration, calling attention to the healthful and temperate climate of North Carolina, not only for winter, but all-the-year-round residence, will bring us many visitors. If they come once, they will come again. If they come often, they will come to stay. We want neighbors and not laborers, unless those laborers are laborers in the best sense of the word that is in which all our white people are, in fact.

—We greatly regret to learn that the gin house of Mr. J. B. Oliver, at Mt. Olive, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night, the 8th inst., together with ten or twelve bales of cotton. Loss, about \$1,500—insurance, \$1,000. We learn that it was unquestionably the fiendish work of an incendiary. Mr. Oliver, we presume, has not an enemy among all his acquaintances. He is one of our very best citizens and we hope the villain will be ferreted out and made to suffer. This species of crime is getting to be too common in the South and our people will have to organize some system for the detection and punishment of these scoundrels.

—We regret to announce the death of Col. R. R. Bridgers, President of the Wilmington & Weldon, and Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad Companies, which took place suddenly in Columbia S. C., on the 10th inst. It is said that he dropped dead while addressing a railroad meeting. He was about seventy years of age and was one of the oldest railroad men in the State, having been President of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad continuously for twenty-five years past. He was born in Edgecombe county, graduated at Chapel Hill, and was a member of the lower House of the Confederate Congress, and was particularly successful as a railroad manager. His body was conveyed to his home in Wilmington for interment.

—We call the attention of all farmers and planters to the advertisement of the Messrs. French Bros., in this issue of our paper, headed, "The Great Discovery." It is a new fertilizer, known as Raw North Carolina Phosphate and Phosphatic Lime, and is manufactured from the bones and petrified pieces of antediluvian animals which is found in great abundance on the coast of North Carolina, below the city of Wilmington. The firm makes great claims for this fertilizer and refers you to such well-known gentlemen as T. P. Braswell, Battleboro; H. L. Grant, Goldsboro; G. E. Grantham, Grantham's Store; J. H. Durham, Rocky Point; G. W. Sanderlin, Beston; and many other Carolinians who have used it. Write for circulars containing particulars and testimonials.

—A special to the *News-Observer* of this city gives this harrowing account of the killing of the two young ladies on the Western North Carolina Railroad: On Tuesday afternoon last, Miss Lewis and Miss Lizzie Byron, of Alexander's, ten miles north of Asheville, went up the railroad track to take a walk. The west-bound passenger train came suddenly upon them as they were crossing a trestle, and in trying to escape Miss Byron fell and became fastened between the cross-ties. Miss Lewis stooped to extricate her, when the train rushed from a curve and crushed them both to death. They were torn into fragments and scattered along the track and were utterly unrecognizable. Miss Lewis was the daughter of Sheriff Lewis, of Halifax county, this State, aged 20 years. She was engaged in teaching school and Miss Lizzie Byron was one of her pupils, aged 13, a daughter of J. R. Byron, of Burke, formerly of Warren. The scene of the catastrophe was one mile south of Alexander's. It was witnessed by a man from the opposite side of the river.

—We see from an item in the *Salisbury Truth*, that the survivors of Company B, 46th Regiment N. C. S. T., have recently held a reunion in the town of Salisbury, at which a grand hand-shaking took place. The writer happens to know that this company was one of the finest bodies of troops that went into the Confederate service from the county of Rowan. It was raised and carried into the service by no less a person than our present popular Secretary of State, Col. Wm. L. Saunders, who at that time was a rising young member of the Salisbury bar. The company always occupied the post of honor on the left flank of the Regiment, and when, in time of action, the skirmish line required strengthening, Co. B. was invariably ordered "forward." The gallant Captain, who was greatly admired by his men, as well for his bravery as for the fidelity with which he watched the best interests of his men, was soon advanced, grade by grade, to the Colonelcy of the Regiment. The company had three different Captains during the war, to wit: W. L. Saunders, N. N. Fleming, of Rowan, and Frank Wishart, of Robeson county. Capt. Fleming, a splendid soldier, was killed at the battle of the Wilderness. Two months later, Lieut. Frank Wishart, of Company A, the gallant and intrepid commander of the "sharpshooters" of Cook's Brigade, was elected to the captaincy of Co. B., and held the position to the end of the war. This gallant officer went through the entire war without even a wound to be foully murdered in the swamps of Robeson county by the Henry Berry Lowery gang of outlaws.